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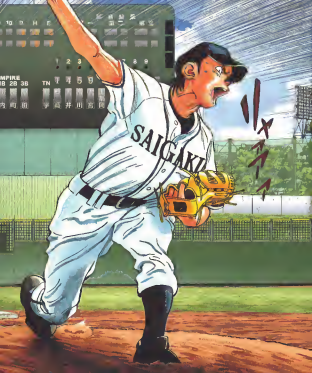
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BIG SPIRITS COMICS



## Chapter 179: Fool vs Fools







Of course  
it is! It's  
different from  
the pitching  
of a noob  
like you!



Hidaka-  
san, nice  
pitching!!



Getting  
hit by the  
bottom of  
their order  
and acting  
like an ace...



Aren't  
you too  
full of  
your-  
self?





OF  
course!



It's a  
complete  
victory  
pattern!



A reversal  
in the bottom of  
the 7th, and then  
the ace takes  
the plate...



Be honest.  
Who do you  
think of  
Hibiki's  
condition?



HIT, HIT!!  
GET MORE  
RUNS TO  
PULL  
FURTHER  
AHEAD—!!



The hit from the  
sixteenth batter,  
and the right fly  
from the ninth,  
it was them  
dining for easy  
fastballs...



But the  
biggest  
problem  
is...



The ball  
does come,  
but his  
control  
ain't quite  
there...



OUT!



IT  
MAKES NO  
DIFFERENCE  
IF THEY'RE  
ONE RUN  
AHEAD OR  
ZERO—!!



GET THIS  
OVER  
QUICKLY  
AND SWITCH  
TO THE  
OFFENSIVE!



TWO  
OUTS,  
OKAY—  
!!





Because they're a team that was good with fast pitches to begin with, everyone got their spirits up...

Yes. It's completely different from when Steve was pitching.



Adachi's morale has gone up?



That doesn't mean that you should be going along with him—



Adachi-san felt it too, so he got angry and is trying to make them back down...



I thought they were hitting Pook... But to think they were Pook to that extent...



I gave him the sign for a changeup line after time!

But...





What  
are you  
whispering  
about?

There's  
no way  
he would  
absolutely  
follow...

His personality  
is such that  
he'll never back  
down when  
someone picks  
a fight with  
him.

So it's  
"Fool vs  
Fool"...





MAD-  
CHAM,  
YOU'RE  
THE  
BEST—  
!!



OUR  
ADVANCE  
TO THE  
BEST 4 IS  
CERTAIN!



THIS  
DECIDES  
THE  
MATCH  
—!!



HELL  
YEAH  
!!





TOP OF  
THE 9TH,  
MUSASHI PE  
UNI AFFILIATE  
HIGH ON THE  
OFFENSIVE,  
BATTING  
FIRST—



*Arrgh!  
An inside  
slider as  
requested!*



*Three  
more  
outs!!*



*I wanted  
him to go  
for it—*



**BALL!**



This Maked  
is 3-2. It's  
becoming  
tough for  
all.

We wouldn't  
make a move  
either because  
he's tired, or  
the curve was  
too sharp and  
he could tell...



We could  
probably get a  
strikeout with  
a Fastball, but  
if it's an easy  
trajectory...

I don't  
want to  
confront  
with  
sliders...



Just let  
me pitch  
a Fastball  
already.



We should  
just drive  
to down  
the middle  
and natter  
them...

Out of  
the strike  
zone? When  
the count  
is 3-2?



A Fastball  
inside and  
high... And  
out of the  
strike zone  
please.



SPR. VERBAH





They somehow  
seem excited.  
It's the first  
time and they're  
down by two runs.  
do they even  
understand it,  
those muscles  
for brains...?



YOU  
CAN DO  
IT, YOU  
CAN DO  
IT!!

NICE  
SWING!!

YOU  
GOT  
THE  
TIMING  
DOWN!



They don't  
give the impres-  
sion of being  
cornered  
at all...



*Their ability  
to cope with  
fastballs is just  
this good...  
I didn't realize it  
back when Steve  
was pitching...!*

*He had  
the timing  
right when  
he missed  
just now.  
His swing  
was good  
too...*



*If you let  
your guard  
down, they'll  
hit a homer,  
Yashiro!*



*Because  
everyone's  
witnessing it head-on  
showdown with  
Fastballs from  
all!*



*Enough  
with the  
slides  
already...*

*Get in  
exchange,  
please  
Make it  
a ball!*

*No helping  
is. Then  
a Fastball  
is it...*







We have to clear out  
the third and fourth  
batters quickly, and  
show them our  
power!





TWO LEFT—!!

HIKAKA-SAN, PO YOUR BEST—!!



The fourth batter is next!! Please concentrate!!

What, you're conscious of the stand!!?



TOM!!



I know!!





Here it is!  
I thought the  
first pitch  
would be  
a changeup  
for sure!



You've showed  
off so many  
slow pitches!  
I'm sick of  
them!







# Chapter 180: GO! Iwatsuki, GO!

NATIONAL BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP  
DISTRICT TOURNAMENT

SAITAMA PUBLIC BALLPARK

MUSASHI AFFILIATE  
ATTACKED HIDAKA  
AND PUT RUNNERS  
ON THE CORNERS  
WITH TWO OUTS!! A  
LONG HIT WOULD TIE  
THE SCORE!! AND A  
HOME RUN WOULD  
REVERSE IT!! WE  
STILL DON'T KNOW  
WHERE THE GAME  
IS HEADED!!

A HUGE CLIMAX WAS  
WAITING IN THE  
FINAL INNING!!  
HIDAKA, PITCHING  
SINCE THE 8TH  
INNING, WIDENED  
THE LEAD TO 10-8  
WITH HIS OWN  
HOME RUN, AND  
SAISAKU THOUGHT  
THEY WERE SAFE,  
BUT...

We have nothing left but to fight it out with Pockballist! Quit thinking about anything unnecessary!

I pitched a changeup just as you asked, but he was still able to watch its timing!



Don't get heated up, Akira. It's not like they've scored off us yet...

What is it? Are you going to add my pitch that got hit was bad?







*No, if it's a long  
hit, the score'll  
be tied in a  
heartbeat... And  
on top of that,  
there'll still be  
runners...*



*But if it  
doesn't go  
well, we'll have  
runners on  
the corners  
again...*

*If that  
happens,  
we might not  
be able to  
recover...*





What do  
we do...?  
Is there  
any  
tactic...?



YOUR  
SPIRIT,  
HIPAKA  
—!!

JUST  
ONE  
MORE,  
HANG IN  
THERE,  
NAO-  
CHAAAAN



HANG  
IN  
THERE  
—!!

DO  
YOUR  
BEST  
—!!



What do  
we do,  
Kibogoya-  
sasan?

We're up by  
two runs.  
You're too  
wound up,  
Horo-sensei!!

Right,  
Poppo  
?



Waddit—Poppo,  
even your face is  
switching? Does  
that mean we're  
in a real  
pinch—if

Even  
though  
there are  
two  
outs—



I ain't  
there  
anything  
we can  
do---!!

We got  
cornered at  
the very last  
moment....

It's a  
total  
punch---



There is  
something,  
but...



There's no  
way he'd  
agree to  
it...

We could lead  
the bases... But  
to ask him to walk  
a batter...



Are you  
okay with  
that,  
Yasuo?  
The show-  
down?

Agree or  
disagree, we  
got nothing  
else!



WHAT'S THE  
POINT OF  
TALKING  
ABOUT IT  
OVER AND  
OVER!!?  
IT'S A  
BATTER  
SHOWDOWN!!









We're on the offensive foot, so we'll finish it off with a walk-off homer.

We want, I'm telling you!

We can get it. Piece of cake.

Even if we go into extra innings, Ikeda's pitch count is still low.



If we're decided, set up the defense. There's a scary old man coming over.

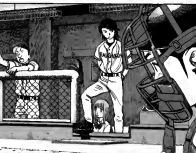
Yeah.



Basically, Poppe's instruction is to take on the batter, but watch out for a long hit.















*I'll hit  
no matter  
what!  
I'll settle  
this  
match!*



*...If he's that into it,  
then even Hidaka-san in  
his current condition can  
face him! If one out of  
three batters is okay,  
then the out will be...*











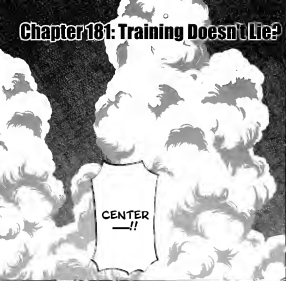


We've been  
hitting "Ryūsei"  
daily, setting it  
to 150 km/h.  
No matter how  
fast a fastball  
is, it's not like  
I can't





## Chapter 181: Training Doesn't Lie?





In the end,  
I'll finish it  
off  
properly!!

If I catch  
this, the  
game is  
set!!

IWA-  
TSUKI  
—!!

It's no use!! It's  
curving!! I can't  
catch up!!











WE CAN  
DO IT, WE  
CAN DO  
IT!!

IT'S 10  
TO 9—!!

NOOO  
OOOO

UWAA  
AAAH



Don't do  
anything to  
keep that  
score!!

ONE  
RUN  
DIFFERENCE  
—!!



DON'T  
LET THEM  
SCORE  
ANOTHER  
NO MATTER  
WHAT—!!





*We've  
practiced  
relay play  
over and  
over...*







Especially with the sucky control, you'll never get a runner out.

We don't need a slow curving throw like that---

If I feel like it, I can throw 80 or even 100 meters---



Are you sure about that---

It'll be perfect at 80 meters!! When we do a relay play, I'll get it to where it needs to go.



I trust you, Kasunuma-san!!

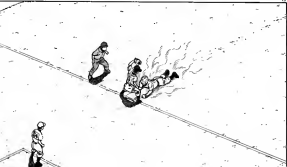
Just trust me, I'll hit it dead on!!



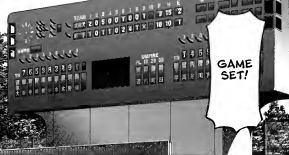


















*Hidaka-san didn't?*

*Just now... He apologized...?*

SFX: YEAH



Uniform: Yamanaka



SFX: clap







# Chapter 182: The Enemy Under Your Eyes

If you make  
a watch,  
nothing good  
will come of  
it...





You realize  
that, don't  
you?

The better Katsenka,  
naturally, was also  
waiting for a fastball.  
If you wanted to fight  
him properly, you  
should have thrown  
a ball there.

The second pitch  
after you scored  
a strike with  
the changeup.





But your own  
feeling of being  
pressured de-  
manded a strike.  
As a result—



You knew it  
yourself, didn't  
you? That your  
control was  
lacking... right,  
Hidaka?











You need to create a point where you can't tell who's predominant.

If you want to avoid that...



When a batter is cornered, he'll go all out in desperation.

That's how you get yourselves into that bad situation.



In that situation, if you ended up watching him, it would only have been bases loaded.

If he's unsure whether he should swing or let it go, he can't bat with all his power.



Where you can't tell who's predominant?



Then you could fight the next batter as well until the full count. At the count of 3-2 he would swing at pitches he would let go at 3-1...

PIU

PIU PIU

PIU



It's thanks  
to you  
cheering for  
us, Reochan.



Finally, the  
next game  
will be a  
semifinal.  
It's truly  
amazing!



Please  
come  
watch us  
next time  
too!



Toumeikan,  
of course. Ansei  
wasn't even  
seeded.

Who do you  
think will  
advance,  
Toumeikan  
or Ansei?



We feel  
better when  
the goddess  
of victory is  
there—

YAY!

Of  
course.



Even though  
you cried that  
you just  
couldn't hit  
Shirakabe's  
sinker.

I DID  
NOT!



Oh,  
what's up?  
A strong-  
spirited line  
all of a  
sudden.

We lost to  
Toumeikan in  
the spring, so  
we have to  
repay that  
debt!





Surprisingly,  
you shouldn't  
underestimate  
Ansel either.



SHIN-  
TANI-  
SAAAAA!!



DO YOUR  
BEST—!!



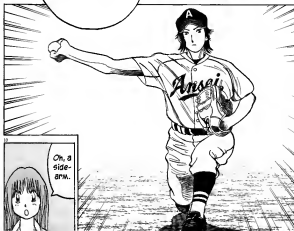
Second year  
Sakai-kun  
was the ace  
number, but he  
wasn't feeling  
well this  
summer



That's  
Ansei's  
ace? Isn't  
he No. 11?



So a third year  
backup pitcher  
Shintani-kun stepped  
in as reliever since  
Round 1, and has won  
all five games  
so far.



Oh, a  
side-  
arm.





But  
more than  
anything,  
it's his  
looks.

Eh?



His  
perform-  
ance is  
great, of  
course...



Right now,  
he's an idol  
on par with  
Virgin Mary's  
Akashi-kun.





Of course not!  
It's the result of  
Ansel Uri's increased  
investment in base-  
ball after their new  
president assumed  
the position three  
years ago.



It's natural for  
him to become  
the hot topic,  
but the reason  
the team has  
advanced that  
far isn't him  
alone.



It's because he's an  
owner of the baseball  
club, and he plans to raise  
the school's renown in the  
nation not only through  
academics, but also  
through baseball!



And the  
reason that  
president is like  
that...

E-  
Exactly  
so.



Somewhat,  
I don't  
like them.



Smart,  
popular with  
girls, good job  
prospects,  
that sort of  
an image?



Exactly  
so...



It's my  
backup  
candidate  
for college  
though.

Is it?



As everyone  
knows, Ansel Uri is  
a high percentile  
school just next  
to Soukai or  
Sophia, right?



Right. The management strategy that many private schools opt for...



So they've decided to invest in baseball as well...



But if a university of that caliber gets serious about it, they can assemble outstanding players as well.

They have the national alumni network, most important of all—



Or rather, it's just the idea that if a school's status rises through elite academics, then it can do the same through baseball.



Exactly that! In the end, their biggest appeal is the headline for Japan Uni!



I should have applied there. If all went well, I'd be able to go to the university too...



Gus-  
bungo-  
dou.

From reflecting  
his painful  
dreams, Kishida  
expresses his  
frustration in  
"Gus Bungo-  
dou," the student  
journal, written  
to address or  
make sense of  
what went wrong  
academically  
and culturally.



There's  
no baseball  
recommendation!  
You can't enroll  
unless you pass  
their entrance  
exam!

However,  
over  
there...



You didn't  
have to put  
it so bluntly.

Although it's  
certainly not  
excessive. For  
him.

THAT WAS  
MEAN—  
WAAAA—  
SAAAAA—



Waaaaaah, how  
mean— You're  
saying it's out of  
the question,  
given Kishida's  
brain.



Uh, well,  
I didn't  
mean...













We had trouble  
with Yuuwelkan's  
Shirataka too...  
But if he comes  
our way, the  
fact that I don't  
get him makes  
me uneasy.



In that case,  
we just have  
to watch him  
closely!!

# Chapter 183: A Prince Appears!?



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Who cares about those Pangers?

Aren't you just jealous?

What nice pitching? He threw two bases on balls this inning as well.



NICE PITCHING!!!

SHINTANI-KUUUUN!!



Isn't that  
why he's  
No. 11?



Considering  
how he shut  
the opponent out  
in the previous  
game, his control  
is a bit lacking.



He also had  
one base on  
balls in the  
first inning,  
so in these  
two innings,  
it's the third  
time.



He's neither  
listening nor  
watching...



If he was  
really good,  
wouldn't he  
be wearing  
No. 1?



Right,  
Hidaka-  
san?







I can  
hit off  
him..



But..



If I have to say,  
it looks like  
Youmiken  
simply isn't too  
interested in  
attacking..



Maybe they just  
can't zero in on  
what to hit since  
there are so many  
close borderline  
pitches?



How  
about  
you,  
Youmiken?



In the first inning,  
first and second  
batters hit infield  
grounders after full  
count. Third batter  
got walked after  
3-1, the cleanup  
Wakou hit a pitcher  
fly after 2-2...



It's true  
that his pitch  
count is high.  
He's thrown  
almost 40 in  
two innings.



SHINTANI  
-KUMIHI.

LOOK  
THIS  
WAY...



The two bases on  
balls in the second  
inning were after  
full counts as  
well... Isn't  
that stable in  
baseP...?



Was it on  
purpose  
...?







*I feel a bad  
vibe...*



*Could that  
have been  
the deciding  
pitch...?*

*In the  
second  
inning, the  
double play  
on the  
Seventh  
batter with  
no outs and  
runners on  
first and  
second...*





Uniform Yaumeikan





Yeah,  
is Palle  
sharper  
than in the  
spring.

As usual,  
Shiracka's  
sinker has  
a good break.



It's  
a Feb pitch.  
Eddy-peedy.

I'm  
watching!



That sinker was  
the reason our  
Virgin Mary lost in  
the spring  
tournament.



Hey, wake  
some you  
watch too,  
Tepoda.













That  
guy?

This is  
the best place  
for a private  
conversation.  
That guy  
couldn't sit still  
and started  
moving.

あ  
あ  
あ



Nothing  
yet...

So, has  
he done  
anything  
specific  
yet?



But if we don't  
deal with him  
quickly, it could  
become a  
disaster...!



One out, runner  
on First... As  
expected, they're  
careful. Can't  
agree on the sign.



He looks like the type  
who will prioritize  
pitches he wants to  
throw himself over the  
catcher's sign...



He's been  
shaking  
his head  
con-  
stantly  
from the  
start.







At times like these,  
if you see a close  
pitch going into a  
beautiful spot, you  
swing without  
thinking.

Even if it isn't  
awesome, this  
certainly is  
skillful pitch-  
ing.



In the end,  
no runs in  
the top of  
the 5th  
either.

Another  
double  
play.



See?

"See?"...  
what's your  
basis...?



This isn't the time  
to admire them,  
they might be our  
next opponent.



I am!



Takashi,  
are you  
confident  
you can hit?





## Chapter 184: Difficult Fight! Yuumeikan



This makes it four in a row. He's being persistent.

Another foul...



This is...



FOUL!

# Chapter 184: Difficult Fight! Yuumeikan



The strategy for sealing the sinker that the coach told us about in the past.

*If you keep  
fouling, it's  
the batter  
who will end up  
cornered. And  
then, surely...*



*If you send  
a strong foul  
flying,  
the batter will  
start thinking  
that you can hit  
it if it follows  
an easy course.*

*Swing hard,  
don't try to  
force it to  
go into the  
fair zone.*

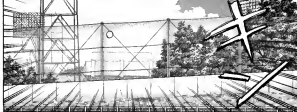


*They'll  
switch over  
to other  
pitchers!*



*Good, a  
slider!*





If they can seal  
Shirataka-kun's sinker  
with this, then all of a  
sudden it's Insei who  
becomes dominant.

Waaaaaaah



If they're  
playing according  
to directions  
from the bench,  
that is.





On top of that, there's absolutely no direction from the bench.

But the bottom of the order doesn't have anyone like that.

...Rather, it's his talent...?



The five or six batters from the top are able to hit based on their own judgment.





TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	R	H	E
Toumeikan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0
Ansei	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0

9

UMPIRE



day, coach.  
It feels like  
we can hit  
anytime, yet  
why can't it  
working out?

I  
understand  
the reason.

*Even though  
we're carefully  
attacking, that  
pitcher is not the  
type to crumble  
on his own,  
we knew it  
even from the  
data...*

*Three safe hits  
through the  
5th. Four bases  
on balls...  
But no runs  
scored.*





We ended up  
falling into  
their rhythm.



*If note: Yokozuna is a grand champion sumo title*

But it's not  
our style.

We take a  
dignified  
stance and  
let lesser  
opponents  
learn from  
our skill.

We're the spring  
prefectural champions,  
and we dominated the  
Kanto tournament  
top of that. Since then,  
without us realizing it,  
we've turned into a  
somo yokozuna.







IF WE'RE  
CHALLENGERS,  
THEN LET'S  
PLAY  
ASSERTIVELY,  
AS BEFITS  
CHALLENGERS!!



We've always  
been the  
challenger!



We have to  
divide  
Failing into  
that  
rub—

Up to now, all  
the teams that  
lost to Ansel  
had thought  
they could hit  
off Shintani  
any time, and  
then failed.



Only Wakao  
resembles a  
yokozuna in  
any way.

True.



And only  
from the  
looks.



Good, let's surprise the hell out of Shindani and shake him up!



So what's the most effective strategy for that?

That's right!



We must break their rhythm.



BUNTS FOR A BASE HIT?

BASTARD BUNTS!







Scoring a run here would be huge, but...

Because it's already the 6th inning.



Yusukekin is finally making their move.

It's now one out, runners on second and third.



To think that I would be put out with a slider...











It begins now!

...Yeah!  
That's right!



We're just  
getting  
started!

Why are you  
looking down,  
Coach?



SHIN-  
TANI-  
KUN!

HIT—!



5th Kessan

BOTTOM OF  
THE 6TH,  
ANSEI HIGH  
SCHOOL ON  
THE  
OFFENSIVE...

BATTING  
NINTH,  
PITCHER,  
SHINTANI-  
KUN!!









But his  
burning will  
to fight  
is...



I'll make him  
realize my  
sinker is  
more  
amazing!



Too  
obvious!!

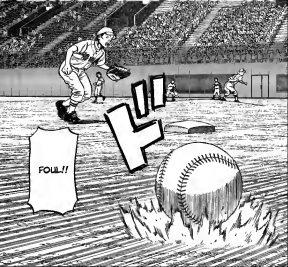


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# Chapter 185: Just a One Time Selfishness

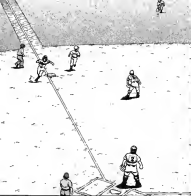












SHINTAM-  
KUN, DO  
WONDER-  
FUL!!!

HE'S  
QUICK ON HIS  
FEET  
TOO!!!



YES!

We can  
score  
more,  
take it  
easy.



TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Yuumeikan	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ansei	0	0	0	0	0	1	





He's only a second year, but already batting cleanup, so it figures...



ENT



That battery is too much in sync...



Why, Tetsu-kun, isn't their pitch distribution obvious?

How did you know?



The pitcher is the go-go plus type. And the catcher is the minus type, always thinking about every possible failure....



Didn't I tell you before? A batting is made when a plus and a minus are put together.

The pitcher and the catcher should never look in the same direction.



The result is there to see.

And get the catcher Wakou, in the pinch with one out and runners on first and second, and the third batter at the plate, allowed the pitcher Shirooka to be selfish.



Because a pitcher who got the ball in a pinch will especially try to recover from it with his own strength.

What the catcher needs to do when blood rushes to the pitcher's head is to make the pitcher listen, even if he has to yell at him.



There can  
never be a good  
outcome if you  
let him be  
selfish.



IF  
HIRAKA-SAN  
DOESN'T  
KNOW  
ANYTHING  
ABOUT THE  
OPPONENT,  
THE ONE TO  
SUFFER WILL  
BE YOU, THE  
CATCHER!

I'M IN  
THE  
WAY!?



YOU'RE IN  
THE WAY!  
THIS IS AN  
IMPORTANT  
POINT HERE!



Peppo,  
Hiraka-san  
isn't watching  
the game at  
all. Can we  
really leave  
him alone?



Then there  
would be no  
need to have  
a showdown  
with the  
cleanup.



If he didn't allow  
Shirataka-kun's  
selfishness and  
put the third  
batter out...



...Just from  
allowing a one  
time selfishness,  
the wound grew  
so much deeper.



Even if you  
walk him, the  
lover in the  
betting order  
you go, the  
easier it  
becomes.



Why did  
I have to  
get yelled  
at?



Shirataka  
too has  
somehow  
recovered,  
but...



The 7th  
inning is  
over, it's  
2 to 0...























*Did I overlook  
something  
important  
somewhere...?*



*You won't  
make it  
anymore!  
Tamagawa  
...!!*





# **Chapter 186:** **What You Gain From Losing?**





*At this late  
hour, it's  
already...*



*Why didn't I  
notice  
sooner...*



**IT STARTS  
NOW, IT  
STARTS  
NOW—!!**

**IT'S ONLY  
A ONE RUN  
DIFFERENCE**







ONE MORE!



ONE MORE!



IN PLACE OF  
THE EIGHTH  
BATTER  
MATSUMOTO-  
KUN IS  
PINCH HITTER  
IIDA-KUN.



WE'RE  
COUNTING  
ON YOU,  
CAPTAIN!!



CAP-  
TAAAAIN!!

GET ON  
BASE,  
IIDA—!!



I'll get on base,  
there's no way  
it's gonna end  
on me...

ONE  
MORE!

ONE  
MORE!

10



ONE  
MORE!

ONE  
MORE!













Well, I too  
have finally  
understood it  
at the last  
moment.

It's  
obvious.



Under-  
stood? What?



It was  
too late  
to fight.



It truly  
is an  
amazing  
technique.

I'm  
jealous.



Why that  
guy is so  
popular?

Isn't?









To be honest,  
I didn't expect  
that Shintani  
would give us so  
much trouble.



I'm sorry.  
I really wanted to  
play against  
Seigaku next...

I'm sorry too.



He's crazy  
popular too,  
it's possible that  
we got swallowed  
up by the  
atmosphere...



You'd better  
watch out,  
Kobayashi-  
san.





Everyone's waiting for you. Hurry up and go.



Since it's you, I doubt that you'll let your guard down, but that pitcher shinseni...



Is this alright? Takeda-chan looked like he wanted to tell you something.



See you. You played a good game.









*I'm still  
too naive  
as well...*



*After all,  
he failed.*



*This year's  
summer is  
over.*

*Okay,  
change  
the  
mood.*



**ONCE WE  
GET BACK  
TO SCHOOL,  
ALL MEMBERS  
WILL GIVE UP  
THEIR  
NUMBERS!**

**OKAAY,  
LET'S  
RESHUFFLE  
THE TEAM  
FOR THE  
FUTURE!**

*But our  
baseball  
is not!*





WE WILL  
ALL BEGIN  
ANew FROM  
THE SAME  
STARTING  
LINE!!



THE CURRENT  
REGULARS  
TOO, IF YOU  
THOUGHT  
YOU HAD  
ANOTHER  
YEAR LEFT,  
YOU WERE  
GREATLY  
MISTAKEN!!



LET'S  
MEET  
AGAIN  
IN THE  
FALL!

優明館高



WITH  
OUR  
NEW  
TEAMS!



HATO-  
GAYA-  
SAAAN!!







To think  
it would turn out  
like  
that...



I can't  
believe  
this...



Can we  
get back to  
our topic?

ANSEI HIGH  
ADVANCES  
TO THE  
SEMIFINAL  
AGAINST  
SAITAMA  
ACADEMY

**Chapter 187:**

**The Conference Is Now in Session!**



Maybe, in the end, they weren't correct well by the facts that they don't have any third years.



After they managed to dominate the spring prefectural tournament in the second year since their founding, I thought there were no weak spots in their teamwork...



Like I said!



When the team ended up in a disadvantageous position, there wasn't anyone who could break through it...



I couldn't imagine it either.



Yes, but to think they would be prevented from making their plays to that extent...













note: The song of the National High School Baseball Championship: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Lp40UjJfAk>





They will only  
end up putting  
themselves  
under  
suspicion.

Of what benefit  
is it for someone  
involved in  
baseball gambling  
to talk about his  
past now?



No need  
to worry.



Sat



And if, hearing  
that, Kato runs  
squealing to  
the 1991...



Get someone  
who had lost might  
speak, motivated  
by revenge...!



Even if that doesn't  
happen, if he talks  
to people who  
suffered losses,  
Katoya-san's  
name might come up  
accidentally...



Even that  
won't be  
a mortal  
wound.



Even if the coach of  
an affiliated school  
has a criminal history,  
they don't have  
the right to investigate  
it or to take any  
disciplinary action.



The HSDA  
doesn't  
have any  
investigative  
powers.



Inquire about  
whether  
the allegations  
are true or false  
from the club  
in question,  
and recommend  
voluntary  
action.

All they  
can do is





We're  
getting  
a little off  
topic...



Also, in case  
the report is false,  
they will threaten  
that the penalty  
will be more  
severe.



THIS ISN'T OFF  
TOPIC!! BECAUSE  
OF THIS ATTITUDE  
FROM HSBA, THE  
CURRENT TREND  
HAS APPEARED  
THAT ONLY  
ENCOURAGES  
INFORMANTS!



THAT'S  
WHERE  
KUBO IS  
COMING  
FROM!!



IF, RIGHT  
AFTER  
SAIGAKU'S  
KOSHEN  
PARTICIPATION  
IS DECIDED,  
FOUL RUMORS  
BECOME  
PUBLIC...

THAT  
WOULD  
BE THE  
WORST  
OUT-  
COME!



IF Kobo-san  
stirs up the  
media...

There is  
someone  
even worse  
than Kobo.



In the past, even  
though he had been  
arrested on the  
suspicion of fraud,  
his fugitive company  
president was judged  
to be the chief  
perpetrator, and he  
was not prosecuted.

These days,  
getting skewered  
by the media is  
more terrifying  
than anything.

In this world,  
entrepreneurs  
and celebrities  
are immediately  
pressed to  
deliver an  
apology!



What would we be  
skewered for?  
Coach Kitagawa  
isn't a criminal.







But it's  
still true  
that he  
was  
arrested.



The rumors  
about Coach  
Kobayashi are  
still confined  
only among  
core fans...



But if the media  
picked it up, it'll be  
out in public  
before you  
know it...



It's enough  
for them to  
get riled up  
over  
something  
exciting.

Non-production  
doesn't  
matter to  
people on the  
Internet.

The  
music...

note: Another Koolhaas using <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OLPKN31pdyY>



You Became Excited Over August

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How  
firing.



*The coach's  
resignation...  
But if that happens,  
Daigaku won't be  
able to win...  
More importantly,  
I won't be able to  
see his baseball  
anymore....*

*If it comes to  
that, the Board's  
plan to sell  
the school will  
come to naught,  
and... there will be  
only one way to  
avoid school's  
destruction.*



We're in  
agreement.



We  
have to do  
something  
about  
Kubell





We asked you  
to come today,  
Misato-san, in  
order to explain  
the plan to you.



Please  
listen  
first.

ARE YOU  
GOING TO  
TURN ME INTO  
SOMEONE  
LIKE HIM?



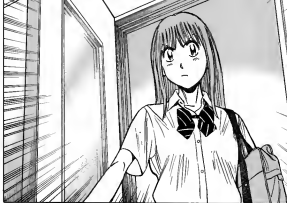
Kubo wants to  
get money in his  
hands as soon  
as possible.

So if he sees me  
going to extort  
money from the  
school, he'll settle  
down for a  
while...







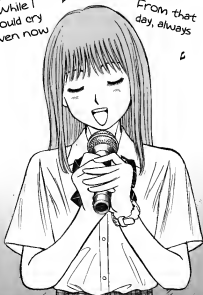




I've been  
hiding my  
heartache  
While I  
could cry  
even now

I've loved you,  
always

From that  
day, always



## Chapter 188: Sing and Interrogate!



RYTHEM "Kubis up LINE" [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x1\\_HNRlyG50](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x1_HNRlyG50)







I saw you at the ballpark, Shiori-chan, and before I knew it, I dialed your number!



What about you, what did you want?



IT'S NOT TRUE.

NO WAY NO WAY !!



son?

... Be honest, you came because you were concerned about Sotogaki, right?



You're such a selfish girl, to make me act that way.



IT'S OBVIOUS YOU WANTED TO SCOUT OUT THE WEAK POINTS OF YOUR BIGGEST RIVAL BEFORE FACING US IN THE FINAL!!



You said you thought nothing of us before, but now look, we're in the best 4...





*There won't be another chance like this!!*

*We're the ones who want even a little information on Virgin Mary.*













Notes: This saying means "helping your enemy is dumb" and originates from an episode in history when samurai Uesugi Kenshin sent salt to his enemy the Takeda who were experiencing a shortage of it, to make a point that war was the thoughtlessness on the battlefield, not through underhanded tactics.







WELL, HE MIGHT BE MORE OF A HUNK, BUT YOU, WHO MISTAKENLY THINK THAT JUST BEING FUNNY MAKES YOU POPULAR, ARE IN THE SAME POSITION!!

Er? Er? What? Prince of comedy?

What Prince of comedy?



WHAP- JA SMIT?

To put it bluntly, I think he's better than Hiddo-san.



He flares up quickly and tries to turn it into a power showdown.

Hiddo-san is just a one trick pony pitcher who has nothing but his strength of will.



That might be true, but...

WHAP- JA SMIT?



In today's match against Musashi, you almost lost because of that.



*This isn't good! The conversation won't flow this way... Even though this is our chance to find out what Virgin Mary and Akashi-kun think of Hidaka-san!*



Why are you admitting to that?

It's true that Hidaka-san is simple-minded.



You just don't get it, Akashi-kun.



But as a pitcher, he has what's important. More than anyone else!



It's a story from  
my second year  
in middle school...  
I started to lose  
my position as  
the catcher.

It's hard work,  
and if anything  
happens, the  
coach immediately  
yells at you.

On top of that,  
the coach's son  
was the ace of  
the team. I was  
in—



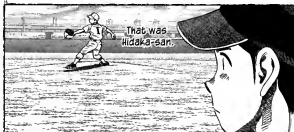
What's  
important  
?



What's  
that?



He didn't have  
any  
particular  
ability, he  
was just full  
of himself.  
That time...







Kidaka-san's  
entire body  
practically  
radiated his  
desire to win.



I want to try  
catching his  
pitches!!

That's  
when I  
thought,  
"I want to  
play  
baseball  
with him!!"

He's the  
one who's  
too full  
of himself

No, no,  
you  
wouldn't  
think that  
normally



When I heard that  
that Hidaka-san  
failed the Kasugano  
Daiei selection and  
enrolled in Saigaku,  
I felt it was fate.



In Saigaku,  
even I could  
become a  
regular!! I  
could catch  
Hidaka-san's  
pitches!!



So I came to  
Saigaku as  
well!



That's why  
I want to make it  
come true! In order  
to help Midaka-san  
win, I—

Midaka-  
san's  
desire is  
stronger  
than any-  
one's!



OH!!



Oh well, I thought  
it would be a  
grander story...  
Desire to win? It  
would be strange  
not to have it.





But I'm  
different.  
I'm a  
pitcher...



That's it!  
That's why  
I'm saying  
the Koshien  
is impossible  
for you.

After all,  
Nidaka-san  
is a "pitcher  
you want to  
help win"?



"To make  
my team  
win!"

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